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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Applicants note that these claims have been indicated as allowed by the Examiner in the present Office Action. Claims 19-38 were previously canceled as non-elected claims. The Examiner's cancellation of claims 39 and 40 as non-elected claims in the present Office Action is confirmed without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable acceptance of this application in response to this amendment and the supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on 19 November 2003.

No fees are believed due by filing this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 501086.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, applicants invite the examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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